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THERE'S NO MISTAKE  
ABOUT IT, BOYD!  
SOMETHING'S BEEN  
GOING ON OVER THE  
MOUNTAINS FOR THE  
LAST FEW DAYS!

IT MIGHT  
BE A GOOD  
IDEA IF I  
STAY HERE  
TILL YOU  
GET BACK,  
TOMORROW!



THEY SOUNDED LIKE  
A GOOD IDEA!  
BUT, BOYD, I'LL  
TAKE YOU ON AS  
A FREE HAND!

STILL, BOYD,  
I'LL BE HERE  
RIGHT HERE  
AT THE ENTRANCE  
SO I CAN SPOT  
ANYONE TRYING  
TO BREAK IN  
OR OUT!



SOON AFTER...

TOMORROW MUST BE  
DEEN WORTH ABOUT  
THAT MISSING GOLD!  
THIS PLACE IS  
DESERTED!



GIVING A HAND WITH THE  
MOUNTAIN PASSAGE IS  
NOT THE EASIEST  
JOB IN THE WORLD,  
BOYD!

OH, BOYD!  
I GOT A GOOD  
IDEA ON IT!



IT TOOK A LONG TIME  
TO HACK AWAY AT  
THIS ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
WE COULD MOVE  
IT AWAY LIKE  
THIS!

IT WAS ONLY BY WORK-  
ING HARD THE NIGHT  
THAT WE COULD REVEAL  
TOMORROW'S GOLD!  
WHAT WAS GOING ON!



TOO BAD WE HAD TO GET UP SO EARLY  
TOMORROW—BUT IT WAS OUR ONLY CHANCE  
TO GET IN BEFORE THE GOLD WAS  
GONE!

AT THE TIME  
THEY GOT UP  
TOMORROW  
MORNING, WE'LL  
BE ON THE ROAD  
WITH THE REST  
OF THE GOLD!



WELL—GIVE ME A HAND  
WITH THE GOLD!

TAKE YOUR TIME,  
BOYD—WE'VE GOT  
ALL NIGHT!















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JOB OF IT.

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LET'S SEE THAT SPARE OF YOURS

BOY! — RIGHT ON  
3-D FEET ACROSS

BOY!  
LOOK AT  
HIS GO!

A WICH-KICK'LL  
DO IT!

DR. BALL-BANDS  
I REALLY NEED THAT  
OGAR-GOP NOW!

HELP!  
HE'S GOING UNDER!

TAKE IT EASY,  
I'VE GOTCHA!

LOOK FOR THE **RED BALL**  
...AND LEARN THIS TRICK

TRADE  
MARK

TAKE THE SECRET REEL AS, LOOK FOR  
THE SHIRT-SHED WITH THE RED BALL  
ON THE SOLE FOR SPEED-LAUNCHING! SO,  
SO, NOT FOR BALL, JOGGING, AND  
THANKS FOR THE BALL-BANDS! FOR THE  
BALL-BANDS, JOGGING, AND  
THANKS FOR THE BALL-BANDS, JOGGING, AND  
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**NOW!**  
WATCH YOUR FEET IN  
BALL-BAND  
jett  
WITH  
OVERSHOULDER

- NOW! "SHIRT" AS YOUR TRICK
- NOW! TO HIGH CLASH, JOGGING
- NOW! TO HIGH CLASH, JOGGING

# Bill Boyd and The OMINOUS DOOR

STOP! BEHIND THIS DOOR LIES A SURPRISE FOR YOU! IT MAY BE FAME—FORTUNE—OR DEATH! DO YOU DARE FIND OUT?

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WELL, BOY! IT'S A HARD MESS...  
AND IT'S FULL OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE!



I JUST HOPE WE DON'T LOSE  
THAT MURDERING  
BARBARIAN!



WELL,  
GOD!



UNLESS I'M MIGHTY  
MISERABLE I'D RECOGNIZE  
THAT HORSE OF HIS  
ANYWHERE!



WHEN, BEHOLD! THIS IS AN  
EYE AS WE'RE  
GONE!



WELL, BOY! IT'S A HARD MESS...  
AND IT'S FULL OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE!

WELL, BOY! IT'S A HARD MESS...  
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PEOPLE!

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## TREASURE IN THE SHACK



By Clement Coad



PHINEAS Griggins shuffled into the post office which was also the general store. The postmaster, who was also the proprietor and chief clerk, was sweeping flour out of an open barrel.

"Any mail for me today, yuh despatch, old fraud?" asked Phineas.

"Why you keep old despatch if you'll wait till I get this flour off of my hands. I'll have a look," responded the storekeeper-postmaster.

The calling of names was done pleasantly and without any on show on either side. No offense was meant and no offense was taken. These two old friends had known each other for upwards of fifty years and it was their custom to address each other with what among strangers would have been fighting words.

The storekeeper moved over to the cigar tin desk, which was the post office and drew out a letter.

"Letter here for Phineas Griggins," said the postmaster, looking at the envelope, holding it up to the light. "Reckon it's just a wedding notice. I'll just take it away."

"Hand 'er over, yuh palmer, or I'll blast a hole in the place where your brains ought to be!" cried Phineas.

The postmaster handed over the letter and the white-whiskered Phineas tore it open eagerly. His gnarled fingers pulled out several greenbacks, which he hastily stuffed in an aged coat-of-arms case.

A big smile broke in his toothless mouth as he read. "That boy of mine! He's some boy! He don't ever forget his old puppy! Never a week goes by that I don't get a letter from that boy of mine!"

He started to walk away. "Hey," called the postmaster. "Ain't you ever going to read the letter he writ?"

"Nuh? Oh I plumb near forgot there was a letter too! Say, Jake, would you read it out loud to me? See what my boy has to say. I

went and forgot my specs again."

"Yeh, I reckon you did, you old fraud!" chuckled Jake. He read the letter, beginning: "Dear Dad. It was a short note not very newsy, but shiny and warm, the same kind of letter Phineas Griggins had been receiving from his son week after week and always with greenbacks enclosed."

Two men, larking in the alley beside the store, nudged each other. Through the little window they could see the transmission of Phineas and Jake. They's eyes seemed to turn the color of the greenbacks. There was greed in them. "Come on, Lefty," said one softly, tugging at the other's sleeve. "We'll creep on out to the old codger's shack and be ready to jump him when he gets home."

Moving stealthily and keeping to the shadows, they made their way to the rear where two horses were tied. They mounted and headed for Phineas Griggins' tiny two-room cottage, nestled in a lonely clump of pines about a mile out of town. They led their horses then creased down in the shadows beside the house to wait.

Presently they heard a horse. When Phineas had dismounted they sprang on him. Phineas struggled but he was outnumbered, and they had youth and surprise on their side. "All right, what do you varmints want of a poor old man?" questioned Phineas.

"Inside!" ordered one, pushing Phineas through the door. "We want those greenbacks your boy has been sending you every week, you old codger. You never spend the money as you must have it around here someplace. Barden, you're too old to enjoy it. Where is it?" Quick!"

"My boy works hard for his money," asserted Phineas. "If you whippersnappers want money, you work for it, too. I'll never tell you where my money is."

One of the robbers struck Phineas and sent

the old man swelling backward till he fell against his back. But Phineas wasn't frightened. "Beat me! Kill me!" he yelled through bleeding lips. "I'll still never tell you where I've hidden a blasted thing!"

The outlaws seemed to sense they had come up against a tough customer. Still, it shouldn't be hard to find his hidden treasure. They looked around the room. It was simply furnished. Nothing fancy! Like the home of an old man, living alone. There was a bunk against the wall. There was a clothes chest. One chair and one table and on the table an old oil lamp. A fireplace, with cranks and handle. Both of them noted a brick in the fireplace that seemed loose. Above the fireplace there was a mantle and on it, a row of old, rather discolored books. No rug on the wood floor, but two boards were saved, as if there might be a hole underneath. The other rooms were hardly more than a lean-to. It was the kitchen. In it were cans of food, a coffee pot, a frying pan, the simplest and most rudimentary cooking utensils.

One of the robbers laughed, a mean, dirty laugh. "Old man, you can talk or not. We'll find your granola. Only thing is, if you talk, you'll make it easy on yourself."

"Never!" grunted old Phineas.

Postmaster-Storekeeper Jake noticed the letter on the floor. He spoke to Bobby, his delivery boy. "Here's that letter old Phineas got today. It's near closing time. Let's take it out and deliver it to the old edger."

"Sure," said Bobby. He didn't see that there was any cash but he was obedient. A good boy.

They found Phineas' home a shambles. Phineas lay where on the floor, his eyes closed. The mattress from his bunk was torn and ripped. Loose books had been moved from the fireplace. His clothes chest was opened and clothes strewn and scattered. Pots and pans from the kitchen lay strewn about.

"Is he ...? Is he ...?" Bobby was wide-eyed.

"Napt, not dead. Just knocked out."

"Somebody robbed him!" exclaimed Bobby.

"Just only robbd us" said Jake, dryly. "Didn't succeed. Outlaws are usually awful dumb."

"We better go after 'em!" cried Bobby.

"No, they'll be back!" asserted the storekeeper-postmaster confidently. "You go out and watch our horses. Feed 'em later! Then sneak back in here and we'll both be low and well."

Bobby didn't understand it, but he did as he was told. When he had come back in, Jake silently handed him a pistol and they both slumped themselves against the wall, beside the door hinges. They waited. And waited. Then they heard hoofbeats. And footsteps. The door swung inward, shielding them for a moment. Two men entered.

Jake nudged Bobby, at the same time saying, "All right you lowdown rascals. You're covered. Up with the muffs!"

The storekeeper held the gun while Bobby tied the men hand and foot. Meanwhile a groom came from Phineas. Then the old man sat up, blinking his eyes. "What in tarnation are you doing here, Jake?" he growled. "I didn't want you for a tea party!"

"Why, I'm just protecting your life and property, you old-manny, prairie dog," responded Jake. "You ain't got sense enough to do it yourself! It's lucky for you these here henchmen let you on that rock head of yours. You've been asleep!"

**L**ATER Jake and Bobby were riding away from Phineas' Griggled home. Each had a book in his hand. Bobby was growling: "We saved his fortune for him. And what does he give us? A book apiece?"

Jake chuckled. "Bobby," he said, "sometimes I think you are dumb enough to be an outlaw yourself. Of course, you're young. You might get some brains later. Why didn't these robbers take the money when we got there?"

"Because they couldn't find it."

"That's right. And they didn't find the money because they didn't know Phineas didn't know how to read! Look under your book!"

Bobby flipped open the old book and nearly fell off his horse. Nearly passed to the page, the photos in a photo album were granola. Bobby was speechless with amazement.

Jake chuckled again. "If I were you, Bobby, I'd use that money to get an education. You'll find there's often more a heap of treasure in books!"

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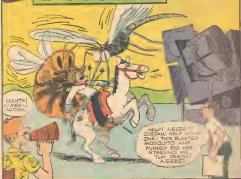
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IT WASN'T ANYTHING  
BILL BOYD, AND...



I DON'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED,  
BUT IT'S NOT HARD TO  
FIGURE IT OUT!



THAT FELLOW WAS ONLY  
WANTING TO BE BACK SO THAT  
HE COULD GO BACK TO HIS  
JOB. LOOK AROUND! BY NOW  
HE'D BE DEAD! BY NOW  
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HE'D BE DEAD!



THEY'RE GOING TO COME  
DOWN THE TRAIL, ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.  
MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT I CAN  
REACH THEM BEFORE THEY  
DO! THE GOLD SHOULD  
SHOW THEM IN  
COMBAT!



IT'S A  
TRAIL? THEY  
THEY ARE!



IF THAT BASTARD  
REACHES THE MOUNTAIN  
ON THE TRAIL, THEY'LL  
BE RIGHT NEXT TO







WELL, AND YOU ARE START' YER STUFF -  
WOM GRABBY AND GET READY TO



WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED FOR AN  
SHE'S THERE'S ANOTHER  
FIND OF SQUARES - SO  
DON'T DISOIN!



WELL, HOWEVER, THIS STEP IS NEAR  
WOM GRABBY SQUARES NEEDS A  
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# TROUBLE at GHOST-TOWN!

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JIM: "THAT PLANE'S GOING TO CRASH!"



CAUTION BOYS-- WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE WHOLE PLANE'S IN FLAMES!



WELLY GET--MARR TO HOSPITAL-- BOYS CITY-- DYING CHILD

I'LL GET THAT STERN TO THE HOSPITAL-- JIM-- I'VE GOT TO RUN ALL THE PARTY



THEY'RE NOT FAR TO GO NOW-- JIM SURE GLAD JIM TOLD ME ABOUT "P-F"



WHAT JIM TOLD BOB ABOUT "P-F"-- HERE'S WHY "P-F" DOES HOW ABOUT SPEED ABOUT ENERGY AND REAL FOOT COMFORT

1 THE ALL IMPORTANT "P-F" RIGID WEDGE KEEPS THE BONES OF THE FEET IN THEIR NATURAL, NORMAL POSITION-- HELPS PREVENT FOOT STRAIN.

2 SPONGE RUBBER CUSHION

3 "P-F" MEANS FOSTER FOUNDATION



"P-F" MEANS

LOOK-- BOB'S BACK ALREADY-- HE REALLY JUST HAVE SET A NEW SPEED RECORD!



GEE, I HOPE THAT PILOT WILL BE ALL RIGHT!

WE WILL AND-- BOB-- SO WILL THAT CHILD IN THE HOSPITAL-- THANKS TO YOUR SPEED IN GETTING THE SERUM TO GO--

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